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On 11 May 1953, Soviet warships 352 through 358 were tied up together, south of the landing stage in Sassnitz harbor. Each vessel was about 60 to 65 meters long, and had a straight bow and square stern. There was one, single, canvas-covered gun, with a square protective shield, forward, and a similar gun aft. The mast had a ball-shaped antenna, and there was a crow's nest at about one third from the mast's truck. The deckline had a sheer, which began behind the first third of the ship's total length. Two small cranes were located at the stern, and there was a vertical, iron boom on each side of the bow. Each vessel carried four lifeboats.

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Comment It is believed that these vessels were former M-40 type, German, motor minesweepers, which, prior to 1 April 1953, [REDACTED] Vessels 352 through 358 were in Sassnitz in early May 1953. They were not confirmed to be KRONSTADT-class vessels as had been believed. [REDACTED]

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